

cloth, by his side. Unfortunately the back of the books are turned away from the spectator and their titles hidden, so we shall never know who were the authors of these volumes on which he set so much store.

His love of literature seems to have descended to only one of his children, Sophia, a blue-stocking, a friend of Dr. Johnson and herself the collector of a very fine library of Greek and Roman classics. His eldest son Henry married Anne, the illegitimate child of his neighbour the 7th and last Lord Leicester. Lord Leicester had made Henry the child's guardian but, though there was a considerable disparity of ages, he fell in love with his ward and married her.

Under her father's will Anne had inherited all the Sidney estates, but the will was contested by Lord Leicester's nieces and after a lengthy lawsuit a settlement was arrived at by which the nieces (Lady Sherrard and Mrs. Perry) received Penshurst and Leicester House in London, while Anne had to be content with the Welsh estate brought into the Sidney family by the marriage of the 1st Earl of Leicester and Barbara Gamage.

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Review.

Notes on the History of Sholden during the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries. By John Lawrey. Messrs. T. F. Pain & Sons, Deal. No date [1946]. 1s.

THIS small book of only eighteen pages of matter is mainly given up to some account of several of the local families and their houses ; and of the Vicars. To its limited extent it preserves for us various details which the author must have taken a good deal of trouble to collect but in a publication like this it seems a pity that more was not done in consulting the standard authorities and in approaching those with local knowledge. We should have liked to see more use made of the earlier parish records, and certainly mention of the architecture of the church and the old farm houses. The parish, so long under Northbourne, has had an uneventful history, while Deal on one side and Sandwich on the other dominated its social history. Editorially more supervision was needed.

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